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Iron, though it bears no comparison in point of value with gold and silver, yet is a most useful metal. It makes bolts and bars to secure our houses from thieves, it makes ploughshares, harrows, forks, scythes, and many other implements of husbandry, as well as carpenters tools, and many other instruments in the polite arts. What could you do, Billy, for pegs to your top, were it not for iron? Yet this said iron, valuable as it is, is often made use of to bad purposes. They often convert it into swords, guns, cannon, and cannon-balls bigger than either of your pretty little heads, with which men kill one another. Thus you see, my dears, that the best things may be turned to the worst purposes.

Copper serves to make frying-pans, kettles, saucepans, and other kitchen utensils; and copper, by the addition of what is called lapis calaminaris, is converted into brass, which makes your common candlesticks, fenders, and such like.

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like things, and is a very durable composition.

Tin is no less useful than copper and brass; for were not the brass and copper utensils lined with tin, it would be very dangerous to use them. I might say a great deal more concerning lead, pewter, and other things; but when you shall be grown older, you will then study natural history, in which you will not only find a confirmation of what I have told you, but will meet with many things more to please you.

Bless me, my little dears, we have continued our ramble till we have got into the orchard. Well, let us leave what is far under our feet, to contemplate what we now see above our heads. It is but a little while since, that the whole of the orchard appeared; but as one large tree is most pleasing to the smell, and so delightful to the eye.

Though you have now lost that pleasing smell, and that delightful prospect,

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